

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 14, 2007

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:35 am by Marilyn Wilkinson
2. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA
 - Marilyn Wilkinson – The new Spring Valley Gym and Teen Center opened and it is wonderful. I don't think that there is a facility this nice anywhere else in the county and we are very excited to have it in our community.
 - Doug Goad – I heard that the county is trying to acquire 55 acres in Encinitas, is this true? Also, Nancy Reed from the Encinitas Planning Group met with the City of Encinitas to talk about trail connections to other areas from the Encinitas trail system. This is a good step forward and hopefully we will start to see something happening in the future.
 - ♦ Brian Albright – Yes, the County is looking at the Val Sereno property in Encinitas.
 - John Degenfelder – I would like to see if we can get an update on the Ramona Grasslands next meeting. There was recently an article in the newspaper on this and I'd like to see where we are.
 - Paul Davis – I read that the North County MSCP is going out for public review and I thought that it would be something this group could look at.
 - Jim Peugh – Could the County send out review information to everyone on the NC MSCP, possibly in bullet form or some condensed form for us to look at?
 - ♦ Brian Albright – Yes, we can send this to the group.
 - Marilyn Wilkinson – I know that the MSCP is extremely important and can also be very helpful in keeping our parks and getting new ones, especially when developers are trying to build near this type of land.
 - Doug Goad – I think that it might be good for us to get a refresher/review of all of the MSCP, not just North County.
 - Jim Peugh – It would be nice to also hear about brush management and issues with adjacent properties along with the plan.
 - Paul Davis – I saw an article in the paper on "California Indians and Fire Management" and it was very interesting. I have it here if anyone would like to take it. I was wondering if the County has any type of fire management plan.
 - ♦ Brian Albright – After the Cedar Fires we received a grant and have prepared a Fire Management Plan for Heise Park.
 - Mike McCoy – Are there any updates on the Strategic Plan? I know that we attended a meeting back in August, but I haven't heard anything since then.
 - ♦ Brian Albright – Yes, we have been working on this and will bring it back to the committee in the future.
3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 12, 2007 MINUTES
 - Approval of October 12, 2007 Minutes
 - MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 12, 2007 – Paul Davis, 2nd John Degenfelder
 - ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-2

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008

- Marilyn Wilkinson – I would just like to say that I am very happy being the Chair of this committee, but in the same turn I would be more than happy to let someone else take over if they would like.
- John Degenfelder - I would like to nominate Marilyn Wilkinson for the Chair of the PAC for 2008.

MOTION TO APPOINT MARILYN WILKINSON AS CHAIR OF THE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2008 – John Degenfelder, 2nd Roger Utt

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

- John Degenfelder - I would like to nominate Rick Landavazo for Vice Chair of the PAC for 2008.

MOTION TO APPOINT RICK LANDAVAZO AS VICE CHAIR OF THE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2008 – John Degenfelder, 2nd Doug Goad

ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

5. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Sean O'Neill

- Brian Albright – I would like to introduce Sean O'Neill who will be taking over as the Parks Advisory Committee liaison. Mike Haraway has moved to the Public Safety Group. Sean is a Project Manager in our Development division. A few of his projects are the Pacific Crest Trail and exhibits at the San Elijo Nature Center.
- Distributed the November accomplishments.
- On November 20, 2007 we held the ground breaking for the new San Elijo Nature Center.
- As Marilyn mention on November 29, 2007 we opened the new Spring Valley Gym and Teen Center.
- On January 3, 2008 we are going to be holding the ground breaking for the Hilton Head Phase II project in Rancho San Diego.
- On November 15, 2007 we had the opening for the Goodan Ranch facility. This is the first LEED certified building in the County system.
 - ♦ Marilyn Wilkinson – What is LEED?
- LEED is a certification that you get for “green” features and environmentally friendly design, building and construction. It is a process that starts with the design of the building and goes all the way through final construction. There is a point system for various materials, systems and functions of the building which gives the certification level of the building. We are looking to acquire a Silver certification.
 - ♦ Jim Peugh – Is there going to be monitoring and a report of the actual efficiency and savings for the building?
- Brian Albright – Yes, we will be keeping records on the building use and savings.

6. PLDO and CSA Fund Balance Reports – Melissa Lowrey

- Distributed the updated PLDO and CSA reports.
 - ♦ Paul Davis – Is there anyway that we could make a graph or pie chart from this information so that it is easier to see visually?
- We could make a graph chart that shows the amount of each area so that you can easily see the differences in amounts between the various areas.
 - ♦ John Degenfelder– Would it be possible to see what the requirements are for PLDO funds?

- Acquisition of land and park development for local park active improvements are the requirements for PLDO funds.
 - ♦ Roger Utt – It would be nice to see a list of project priorities for each area?
- We can bring this to a future meeting for your review. I will note that there are also items on these lists that are not eligible for PLDO funds, but they keep them on the list anyways.
 - ♦ Rod Groenewold – I think seeing this list could help us get a better understanding of what is going on in the county and what the needs are.

7. LINDO LAKE BOATHOUSE – Mark Massen

- Earlier this year we interviewed consultants to look at restoring the boathouse at Lindo Lake. The Chambers Group was awarded the contract and have now prepared 2 concept plans for us to review. The boathouse was built between 1887-1907. This determination helps us to decide how we are going to proceed with the project and which will be an adaptive reuse rehabilitation building. We will restore as much as we can, but also make it usable. You will probably notice from the drawings that the finial is very prominent and is a very important aspect of the building as well as the roof, which was a shake shingle. We want to try and keep this looking like the original shake shingle roof, but have to be careful of fire safety, so we are looking at other roofing material possibilities.
 - ♦ Roger Utt - Commented on the two concepts presented and voiced an interest in assisting the project team with the final design for the boathouse rehabilitation.
 - ♦ Paul Davis – I would like to be involved in promoting this project.

8. OVRP AND TJRV TRAIL CONNECTIONS – Maryanne Vancio

- We've had several meetings on how to make connections from the TJRV to the OVRP. This is however a very difficult project as there are numerous jurisdictions that own the property between the two areas, so there is significant coordination that must occur, and along with this the area is densely populated. We are still continually trying to find possible trail opportunities through road and sewer easements, utility access roads, or any pathway areas.
 - ♦ Paul Davis – what about old trolley or train tracks could they be converted or just used.
- We have not found any of these types of areas that would work at this point.
 - ♦ Mike McCoy – I know that this is a very difficult task and the paths that are even possible are still going to be very arduous and require multi-jurisdictional agreements. I would like to work with you and the City of Imperial Beach to talk about some opportunities that might exist in the City.
 - ♦ Roger Utt – Are the agencies going to have problems with public access to areas?
- The Navy property will be tough to work with in regards to public access if we tried to go that route.
 - ♦ Roger Utt – I would think that I would be inclined to bike the path around the edge of the city area instead of a meandering path through the city.
 - ♦ Jim Peugh – I think that we should be looking at both ways to connect these trails to the ocean and the county parks and preserves. I would move that the county look at all connection possibilities to all areas.

- ♦ Mike McCoy – I would second that idea.
- ♦ Roger Utt – I think that we should look at the I-5 corridor as a possibility as well.
- There is going to be a Trails Conference May 29-31, 2008 at the Bahia Resort. The focus will be on partnerships if anyone is interested. You can get more information from the State of California Parks website.
 - ♦ Roger Utt – Is there a percentage of time that is allocated/allowed for work on trails that are not within the County's jurisdiction?
- We look at a work plan for trails each year and have priorities set for the year, but trail connections and the overall County Trail Plan require a lot of work on connections outside the county jurisdiction, which means that there is a lot of time spent on this. As for an exact number we do not have one.

9. Opportunity for Members of Public to Speak on Any Items Not on Today's Agenda

- None

10. Adjournment at 9:55 am

ATTENDEES:

Mike McCoy, District 1
 Marilyn Wilkinson, District 2
 John Degenfelder, District 2
 Doug Goad, District 3
 Paul Davis, District 3
 Jim Peugh, District 4
 Roger Utt, District 4
 Rod Groenewold, District 5
 Brian Albright, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Sean O'Neill, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Melissa Lowrey, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Mark Massen, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
 Maryanne Vancio, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation